Non-Availability of Medicines

3333. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any shortage of necessary medicines in emergency department of Lala Lajpat Rai Hospital, Kanpur (U.P.);

(b) if so, the detail thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to provide medicines in time and in adequate quantity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Defence Budget

3334. DR. G.R. SARODE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item published in 'India Today' dated October 15, 1996 that fifty percent of the defence budget is spent on the salary; and

(b) if so, the decision of the Government regarding increasing allocation for the modernisation of the defence department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b). The position of expenditure on Pay and Allowances during last 3 years is given as under :

(Rs.in Crores)

Year	Total Defence Expenditure	Pay and Allowances	Percentage of Defence Budget
1994-95	23245.26	7688.65	33.08
1995-96 (RE)	26879.00	9023.65	33.57
1996-97 (BE)	27798.47	9063.68	32.60

Government is committed to the modernisation and upkeep the Armed Forces. The fund requirements for defence are drawn up in consultation with all concerned wings and services, having due regard to obligatory and committed expenditures, requirements for maintenance, and the needs of modernisation. The aggregate requirements are then projected to the Ministry of Finance for allocation of Funds. The latter Ministry takes due note of the needs of modernisation while making the overall allocation.

[English]

Implementation of Land Boundary Agreement

3335. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any amendment to the Constitution of India is required in terms of Article 3 of the constitution, in regard to implementation of the land boundary agreement with Pakistan/Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the amendment bill is likely to be brought before the Parliament in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As a part of the legal procedure required for the implementation of India - Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974 a consolidated constitutional amendment is necessary to modify the relevant State boundaries under Article 3 of the Constitution incorporating the areas acquired/ceded to Bangladesh

(c) The demarcation of about 41 kms. of Indo-Bangladesh land boundary is yet to be completed. Legal advice given to the Government has suggested that in the absence of a fully demarcated boundary, it is not possible to arrange enabling legislation and the requisite amendment to the constitution. The Government propose to complete the task of demarcation of the boundary with Bangladesh with the cooperation of the concerned State Governments.

Irrigation Facilities in Orissa

3336. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the sources through which irrigation facilities are provided in Orissa;

(b) the break up of irrigation potentials in that State;

(c) whether steps have been taken to increase irrigation facilities in that State;

(d) if so, the total drought prone areas in that State likely to get irrigation facilities by the end of 8th Plan; and

(e) the projections made for 9th Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Irrigation facilities are provided in Orissa through Major and Medium irrigation projects and minor (ground water and surface water) irrigation schemes.